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SUBJ: INTERVIEWS OF SOMALI PRESIDENT: COMMENTS ON SOVIETS,  
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1. KUWAIT DAILY AL-QABAS OF JUNE 19 CARRIES UNDATED INTERVIEW OF SOMALI PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE, GIVEN AT HIS RESIDENCE "A WHILE AFTER HE HEARD" RECENT CASTRO SPEECH. SIAD BARRE ATTACKS THE CUBANS AND SOVIETS, BUT PRAISES THE PRC. HE CALLS CASTRO GUILTY OF "VICIOUS CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY" FOR CUBAN ROLE OF "NEW COLONIALIST MERCENARIES" FIGHTING "IN FAVOR OF THE SOVIET UNION" AND TO FORWARD THE "STRATEGIC AMBITIONS OF THE WARSAW PACT," WHICH ARE TO CONTROL "OIL OUTLETS" AND SEA LANES USED FOR PETROLEUM TRANSPORT. FAILURE OF US AND OTHER COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT THESE COUNTRIES THREATENED BY THIS STRATEGY "FORCES US TO RECONSIDER OUR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS." "THE US IS RETREATING."

2. REGARDING CUBA'S NON-ALIGNED STATUS, PRES. SIAD BARRE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT CUBAN MEMBERSHIP IN NAM THREATENS  
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ITS EXISTENCE. CUBA WANTS TO USE NAM FOR "THE PURPOSES OF THE WARSAW PACT."

3. CONCERNING SAID BARRE'S LATEST VISIT TO MOSCOW, HE NOTED THAT PODGORNYY HAD IN FACT REFUSED TO MEET WITH HIM BECAUSE "HE FOUND ME DISOBEDIENT AND NOT A GOOD SERVANT."

4. IN CONTRAST, SIAD BARRE CHARACTERIZED LATEST VISIT TO CHINA AS COMPLETEDLY SUCCESSFUL AND FRUITFUL. NOTING THAT SOMALIA WILL REMAIN "SOCIALIST AND PROGRESSIVE," HE PLACED SOMALIA FIRMLY IN THE THIRD WORLD "WITH ASIAN COUNTRIES AND CHINA." HE NOTED THAT THE PRC IS HELPING SOMALIA "WITHOUT CONDITIONS OR INTERFERENCE" AND THAT SEVERAL CHINESE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS "WITHOUT STRINGS" HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED.  
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